

Minutes of Bo'ness Community Council
Wednesday 11th March 2009
Upper Rooms, Bo'ness Library

Present: M. Hunt (Chair), A.Nimmo, B. Kelly, L. Ainslie, G. Fairholm, S. McAlister, B. Bruce, M. Bennett, A. Cromie and D. Findlay

In attendance PC Heron and members of the public

Apologies J. Constable, M.Gibbons, I. Don, A.Ritchie, W. Stanners and B. Kelly

Presentation – Kinneil Hill Climb

The date for this year's event has been scheduled for the 12th and 13th September. There were concerns from the public that they had not been involved with this, it was advised that the schedule meeting with Falkirk council did not take place and a decision to organise a date had to be made. If any members of the public had any concerns they can get in touch with the organisers.

There are plans to extend the route this year using the old Grangemouth Road.

It was noted that last year there was restricted access for walkers at the top part of Kinneil Woods and this would be addressed this year.

It was confirmed that due to the costs of organising the event an entrance fee would need to be charged otherwise the event could not take place.

It was also suggested that the organisers should contact Historic Scotland regarding plans for the event.

SRPS have been consulted this year and the Hill Climb organisers are working closely to make this event a huge success which would bring in lots of people to Bo'ness Town centre over the weekend

Adoption of Minutes Proposed: L. Ainslie Seconded: M. Bennett

Matters Arising No Matters arising

Reports

Police PC Heron gave a resume of crime statistics for January. The police having been working with Bo'ness academy in respect of alcohol and drug misuse. It is hoped to educate the children to allow them to make the correct decision avoid drugs or alcohol abuse.

The recent foot patrols at the weekend have made a difference to the anti sociable behaviour. This is an on going problem and extra funding has been allocated to allow further foot patrols on Friday and Saturdays to continue to tackle youth disorder, vandalism and drinking in public places.

A.Nimmo Nothing to report

M.Bennett Nothing to report

G. Fairholm Confirmation that the hanging baskets will still cost the same as last year so will proceed with the order

M. Gilfillan There has been several planning applications submitted

Councillor A. Mahoney The opening of the Hippodrome will take place on the 6th and 7th April. Only people with invitations on these dates and the winners of the tickets organised by competitions will be able to attend. Doors will be open to the public on the 9th April.

R.Willox Details of the replica slab were distributed and a vote of where it should be placed taken and it was agreed that it should be placed as close to where the original was as possible.

L.Ainslie Nothing to report

M.Bennett The Baptist Church Prayer Walk will take place on the 9th May. Holy Week Services have been confirmed and November 29th has been agreed for the Advent Service.

M.Hunt We have been informed that an alcohol licence has been applied for the Hippodrome. The bar will only be open before and after each film. It has been confirmed that there will be workshops organised for local schools at the Hippodrome.

Correspondence Letter received regarding the crossing patrol at Borrowstoun Road.

McLaren Trophy 2009 RSVP for the invitations received to attend the award ceremony must be in ASAP as this is being held on the 25th March.

AOCB

The Victoria Street Fair is on the 24th May and it was confirmed that last year there was a shortfall of £2000. It is hoped due to work in progress that this will be rectified.

The Mining memorial This account still has a small amount of money in the fund. It was suggested that a DVD of the history of mining in Bo'ness would be a great idea and this could include face to face interviews with some of the ex miners, this could be made available and distributed to local schools. This idea would need to be researched and Bill Bruce agreed to take this on board.

Falkirk Area Licensing Forum will be held on the 28th May at 2pm in the Municipal Buildings. Members of the public are welcome to attend

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.